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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW OPTIONS  
FOR USE OF PRODUCED WATER.

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry in the course of  
drilling wells produces incidental by-products defined as  
produced water; and

WHEREAS, significant amounts of produced water are re-  
injected into the ground in this process; and

WHEREAS, this produced water may have other applications  
authorized by Section 70-2-12 NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the oil conservation division of the energy,  
minerals and natural resources department has regulatory  
authority over produced water; and

WHEREAS, the alternative application of produced water has  
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1 not been allowed by the oil conservation division in previous  
2 years;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of energy, minerals and  
5 natural resources be requested to convene a task force to  
6 review the issue of produced water; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the  
8 director of the oil conservation division, the state director  
9 of the bureau of land management and members of the oil and gas  
10 industry and produced water disposal industry; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of energy,  
12 minerals and natural resources report the findings of the task  
13 force and its recommendations for legislation to the  
14 appropriate interim committee by December 1, 2007; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
17 resources, the director of the oil conservation division and  
18 the state director of the bureau of land management.

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